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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reader's Service in the China Mail)

IRISH PROBLEM.

ON THE EVE OF IMPORTANT CONFERENCES

HIGH EXPECTATIONS.

GOVERNMENT PREPARED TO TREAT WITH DE VALERA DIRECT.

LONDON, January 5.

In spite of continued lawlessness in Ireland there are growing indications that the Government and the Sinn Féin leaders are on the eve of important conferences from which high expectations are drawn.

It is generally assumed that De Valera has landed in Ireland. He is believed to be in Dublin, although his whereabouts are very closely hidden. It is reported from Dublin that he is assuming the leadership of the intellectuals or moderate party intent on a pacific settlement who are directly opposed to the extremists, who are striving to attain their aim by violence. The Government apparently is prepared not only to grant De Valera a safe conduct but to treat with him direct. It is surmised that negotiations will be pursued on the basis of a revision of the Home Rule Act. In the meantime South Ireland is awakening to the advantages thereby offered.

The Government expects to have the Northern Parliament constituted three months hence. Candidates are already being selected. It is generally understood that Sir James Craig will be the first Premier. Sir Edward Carson, who will not take office in the Ulster administration, has decided to retire.

BIG AMBUSH EFFECTIVELY BEATEN.

LONDON, January 5.

Soldiers ambushed near Kanturk in Cork routed their assailants, killing sixteen and capturing many with all rifles and ammunition. This is the first occasion of an ambush on a large scale being effectively beaten. It occurred in a secluded roadway. A bomb was thrown at three military lorries from Mallow but missed. Revolver firing ensued to which the troops replied by firing a fusillade at both sides of the road. Some of the soldiers, aided by a smoke screen, made a sortie and rounded up all the assailants. None of the troops was injured.

TRADE WITH RUSSIA.

PROPOSALS FOR A BIG TRADING CORPORATION.

JOINT APPROVAL.

LONDON, January 5.

The Times publishes the proposals approved by the Government and Krassin in order to facilitate the resumption of Anglo-Russian trade. It is proposed to establish a Russian trading corporation for the conduct and development of Anglo-Russian trade. The corporation will be in two parts, one in Britain and the other in Russia. The capital will be £10,000,000, equally subscribed by Britain and Russia, who will equally divide the profits. The corporation will be a monopoly in Russia but it is not intended to be such in Britain. The corporation will buy direct from and sell to British manufacturers at competitive prices. All firms will be eligible for membership in the corporation.

OBSTACLES STILL POSSIBLE.

LONDON, January 5.

Krassin had a conference with Sir Robert Horne to-night, as a result of which Krassin hopes to proceed to Russia on January 8 with the trade agreement which he is prepared to recommend to the Soviet Government. As, however, Krassin is not empowered to deal with political questions there may still be difficult obstacles to overcome.

ESSENTIALLY SPECULATIVE.

"TIMES" CRITICISES NEW FAR EASTERN TRADING CONCERN.

TRADING RISKS IN CHINA.

LONDON, January 5.

The Times criticises the prospectus of the Amalgamated Trading and Industrial Corporation which will acquire the whole of the issued share capital of £40,000 of the British Manchurian Corporation Limited for 40,000 £5 bonds of the new concern. The paper says that the prospectus fails to provide any definite statement of the assets of the Manchurian Corporation, and with regard to the profit of that concern says that it is subject to realisation on shipments now en route to Europe. The Times emphasises that the undertaking is essentially speculative. It is a violent jump from a little trading concern with a capital of £40,000 to a corporation with a capital of £2,000,000, and in view present glutted state of the Eastern markets risk at present of trading in China are more than usually hazardous.

NEXT VICEROY?

STRONG LIKELIHOOD OF LORD READING BEING APPOINTED.

LONDON, January 5.

The papers indicate that there is a strong likelihood of Lord Reading being appointed Viceroy of India.

[Rufus Daniel Isaacs, Viscount Reading, first Earl of Reading, has been Lord Chief Justice of England since 1913. He was born in London on October 19, 1860, the second son of the late Joseph M. Isaacs, merchant in the City of London. He was educated at the University College School, and Brussels, and Hanover. In 1904 he was made a bencher of the Middle Temple, Solicitor-General in 1910, and Attorney-General in 1910. He was Liberal member for Reading from 1904 to 1913. In 1915 he was president of the Anglo-French Loan Mission to America, Special Envoy to America in 1917, and High Commissioner and Special Ambassador to the same country in 1918. He was the first Attorney-General to become a member of the Cabinet, in 1912.]

NEW SWISS CONSUL AT SHANGHAI

BERNE, January 5.

The Swiss Federal Council has appointed Dr. Isler, former Secretary of the Legation in London to be Swiss Consul at Shanghai.

THE DOLLAR.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reader's Service in the China Mail)

"SANTA ISABEL" DISASTER.

MADRID, January 4th.

The details of the Santa Isabel disaster show that the survivors number 50, mostly crew, while the death-roll is 254, including nearly all the 240 passengers on board. The catastrophe occurred at 2 o'clock in the morning. The vessel was thrown on to the rocks and quickly cut in twain, which explains the loss of the majority of the passengers.

ARBITRATION IN LABOUR DISPUTES.

AMSTERDAM, January 4th.—The Government has introduced a Bill providing arbitration in Labour disputes. The Government has introduced arbitration courts throughout the country. Parties must agree to abide by the decisions of these courts. The Government is also establishing an arbitration council.

WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS.

PARIS, January 1st.

A Paris message says:—Receiving a deputation which had come to offer the season's compliments, M. Millerand stated that an essential condition to peace being maintained, and agreed to is a complete and sincere devotion to the fulfilment of the Peace Treaty. Their duty and interests obliges nations to unite in preventing new conflicts. France is firmly resolved to do all in her power to that end. Count Benito Llorente, the Italian Ambassador and member of the diplomatic body, in his speech, said that France had contributed powerfully to the world's reconstruction. The French Government may at any time rely upon the diplomatic body's hearty support.

EUROPEAN RELIEF.

WASHINGTON, January 4th.

In the Senate, Senator Reed declared \$40,000,000, out of \$150,000,000, voted to Congress for European relief, was spent to keep the Polish Army in the field, and added that he had documents in support of the statement.

MILITARY IN IRELAND.

LONDON, January 4th.

Six policemen were wounded in Cork last night by a bomb thrown near the headquarters of the force. The police turned out with rifles and machine-guns which were used on the quays and in the neighbourhood, resulting in several persons being wounded.

LONDON, January 4th.

The Viceroy has issued a proclamation extending martial law to the counties of Clare, Waterford, Wexford and Kilkenny until further notice.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

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CHINESE MARITIME CUSTOMS REVENUE.

INCREASED IN 1920.

—PEKING, Jan. 4.

The Maritime Customs Revenue last year amounted to 49,500,000 being an increase of three and a half millions on that of the previous year. The gold equivalent of last year's collection is "two and practically a quarter millions sterling higher than the 1919 collection.

UNHAPPY HOMES.

PROHIBITION CONSEQUENCES.

BIG INCREASE OF WIFE CRUELTY.

Contrary to all expectations, matrimonial infidelity, instead of diminishing, has been greatly increased by Prohibition. This, at all events, is the experience of Chicago, which reports to-day an increase of 238 per cent. in the complaints of cruelty of husbands to their wives and children since the beginning of "Dryness." The inability to obtain alcoholic refreshment, says Mr. Albert E. Webster, superintendent of the Juvenile Protective Association, has resulted in a general sourness which often expresses itself in abuse of the family. "Detroit is having a similar experience. It is stated that many working men drawing large wages are devoting their surplus funds to the maintenance of matrimonial 'triangles' and the doubtful joys of double life. On the other hand, there has been a striking reduction of some crimes during Prohibition."

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LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

MAKE IT A REALITY!

From the solemn rites at the graveside of the Unknown Warrior to the inauguration of the Assembly of the League of Nations at Geneva is a natural transition, writes Lovat Fraser in the Daily Mail.

The nameless hero fought for peace. The object of the League is to promote international co-operation and to achieve international peace and security.

The meeting of the Assembly in which the chosen representatives of fifty-three States will participate, may prove to be one of the greatest landmarks in human history. If it fails, if it produces nothing more than two months of oratorical facilities, it will become a signpost on the pathway to despair.

The issue is a very open one. Yet humanity must choose between the League or nothing.

It is best to be frank and to recognise that officially no nation, not even our own, has yet developed any genuine enthusiasm for the League. Can we wonder that Governments are lukewarm and hesitating? The League has not been in existence a year. It has been overshadowed by the Supreme Council, which is an unconscionable time-aiding. It has had many buffets, especially from across the Atlantic.

Yet if the Governments have so far only rendered lip-service to the League, it is regarded with silent hope by the dumb millions in many lands whose dream is that wars may cease. They have been led to think that the League contains the possibility of the salvation of mankind. When they understand its purpose better the peoples, rather than the Governments, will make it a reality. They will not let it be suffocated in childhood. As the tides of mutual hate recede, it will be a rock to which they will cling.

Unhappily, it is the fashion just now to slight the League. Militant generals complain that it possesses no super-army to enforce its decrees. Cabinets say they have things about it, but will not delegate a jot or tittle of their own powers. Plain men ask how it can ever accomplish anything when no decision is valid unless all the members agree.

Ardent enthusiasts maintain that it will only become workable when all nations are admitted to membership. Suspicious people look askance at the mandatory principle, which, they say, not wholly without reason, is imperialism in disguise. Eloquent visionaries who believe that they alone have plumbed the wells of truth tell us that a League of Nations is useless and that what is needed is a Brotherhood of Men.

Surely the answer is that in this great and vital matter we must walk before we can run? The world is not ripe for international brotherhood. A hundred barriers of race and climate and colour have to be removed, and the process will take centuries. I remember the chant of the American soldiers in the Philippines, when, invited to take their "little brown brother" by the hand, used to sing, "He may be a brother of Big Bill Taft, but he ain't no brother of mine." We must accept human instincts as we find them.

But meanwhile here is the League, still small and weak and hardly able to walk, yet meaning something. It is the only thing born of the war which promises, however faintly, to give some realization of that ideal of

security and a better world for which millions died. And there is no visible practical alternative to the League.

The broken refusal of the White House was a thousand times right when he insisted that the Covenant should be put into the Peace Treaty. His work is done. He may have made grievous mistakes, but let it never be forgotten that amid the subtle intrigues of Versailles he clung fast to his conception of the League. History may conclude that the League mattered most, and President Wilson may be remembered when the other statesmen at Versailles are forgotten because he saw one thing clearly.

I do not despair of the future of the League. The principle it embodies will outlive its faltering makers. At first its influence is bound to be partial and incomplete. The fuss that is being made because France and Belgium have not deposited the terms of their new Treaty of Alliance seems overdue. The League may be imperfectly recognized at the outset, but its authority will grow.

Nor need we think that the League is doomed because some nations have not yet formally adhered to it. Too much has been said about the present aloofness of the United States. Not one word should be uttered in criticism of the American attitude. It is for the Americans to choose, and they approach the question from an angle of their own. They will make their final decision, one way or the other, when they think best. But meanwhile the League is not a failure because it does not include all the nations. The marvel is that so many have sought admission.

As for Germany, I do not think it matters just now whether Germany enters the League or not. There need be no breakneck hurry about the German question. We do not even know whether Germany is knocking at the door. The great thing is to get the League started. The German issue can wait.

Personally I am in favour of the early admission of Germany, because I hold that if the wounds of Europe remain unhealed much longer the consequences will be irreparable. What matters now is not the heritage of bitter memories left by the war, but the regeneration of Europe, without which there will be no League or anything else. Yet among the various men of moderate views whom I have consulted there is not one who has not said that Germany must first prove her good faith before she can be permitted to enter the League. So far as can be judged, the predominant feeling in Great Britain is against accepting Germany as a member at present.

It is argued that in any case the question must wait until the amount of reparation to be paid by Germany has been settled, and until Germany has accepted the decision. This view seems sound and reasonable, and in any case it would be folly to move in advance of public opinion. At the same time, the Allied countries will have to recognise that only a prosperous Germany can make reparation at all. Amid the outcry about the prospective revival of German trade this simple platitude is too often overlooked. I have no sympathy with the people who are beginning to slobber over the Germans. I do not want to admit the Germans for slushy sentimental reasons, but I belong to the growing group of men and women who hold that economic and financial questions

now govern the European situation, and that some sort of working unity must be established in Europe.

As for Austria and Bulgaria, who are applicants for membership, my view is that they should be admitted without delay. We cannot welcome the Bulgarian Prime Minister to our shores, and simultaneously deny his country entry into the League. Austria is in such a terrible plight that no time should be lost in restoring her to the comity of nations.

Yet having said all this, it must be added that there is one prominent aspect of the League of Nations which is beginning to be regarded with most profound misgiving. It lacks austerity and spirituality, and it is creating too many fat jobs.

Instead of being inspired with the spirit of John the Baptist, it seems likely to develop into a soulless and expensive bureaucratic machine. We see swarms of clerks and typists, endless scurrilous to and fro, crowds of people falling over each other, much printing and letter-writing, everybody as mysteriously busy as ants, and no big central idea driving the whole business along.

In the days when passports were superfluous, and when Switzerland warmly greeted the stranger, the Hotel National at Geneva was a place where one could dine pleasantly on a summer's evening by an open window, and look at the moonlight on the lake. Somehow it does not strike me as the spot from which a message of peace will be sent forth to an expectant world.

We have learned, in war and in international negotiations, to mistrust any undertaking which begins by commanding big hotels. Such an atmosphere is fatal.

The first real task of the League of Nations is to preach the conclusion reached at its own Brussels Conference, which is that all Governments must cut down their expenditure if Europe is to be saved. Can the League do so with any sincerity when its Secretariat is plunging into heavy recurring expenditure, of which the British taxpayer has to find a substantial share?

While I have faith in the League, and think it will find its true course in time, I am not sure that it is beginning on the right lines. I am inclined to cherish doubts about its methods, its environment, and its cost. Ideas which change the world have generally been propagated, not by officialdom, but by hungry, earnest men dwelling in attics.

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INTIMATIONS.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR
COMBATING VENEREAL
DISEASES.

THE following MEETINGS have been
arranged under the auspices of the
Hongkong General Chamber of Com-
merce:

Meeting for Men only of the European
Community at the Chamber of Com-
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THURSDAY, at 5.30 p.m.

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FRIDAY, January 7th, at 5.30 p.m.

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"DAMAGED GOODS"

At the Helena May Institute,

MONDAY, January 10th, at 5.30 p.m.

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Hongkong, January 5, 1921.

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Steak Steaks... Ngau Lan... lb. 19

Sausages... Ngau Cheung... lb. 23

Salad... Ngau No per set... lb. 10

Toogoo, fresh... Ngau Li each 50

Toogoo, cooked... Ngau Li each 50

Head... Ngau Tan... each 50

Heart... Ngau Nam... lb. 13

Ham... Ngau Nam... lb. 18

Feet... Ngau Nam... lb. 18

Kidney... Ngau Nam... lb. 18

Liver... Ngau Nam... lb. 18

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Mutton Chop... Young Pui Kwai lb. 33

Leg... Young Pui Kwai lb. 33

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Tan... lb. 70

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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JAN. 6, 1921.

HONGKONG CHINESE.

It is impossible to see, even with the four-ply, double-barrelled, patent lens, superior focal telescopes which all editors carry, to what helpful position the correspondence between Messrs. Lo and Tso promises to lead us. Mr. Lo began it. Mr. Lo must on no account attempt to deny that, for Mr. Halifax's speech simply does not count. In the first place Mr. Halifax's speech was a prandial performance, and it was all to be pinned to the foot of the letter of our prandial pronouncements, what would happen? What could happen? We should have to devour our food in careful silence, and let our hosts guess at our gratitude. In the second place Mr. Halifax's speech has been grossly misunderstood. We believe, we honestly believe, that apart from Mr. Halifax himself (and we do not insist upon even this inclusion) we are the only man in Hongkong who understood that speech. Mr. Lo didn't. He found in it an insult to the English-speaking Chinese which it was never for a moment intended to carry, and which truly was not in it. Mr. Lo misunderstood it. He seemed to think it confirmed his own disrespect for some English-speaking Chinese, which it did not. So there they both are, going for each other hammer and tongs. If not checked in their controversial tilting, they may want to go for each other poker and frezhoval, which would never, never do. For both are good fellows, and write a good letter. Perhaps, if they are willing to listen, we can convince them that they are shooting into a bush that never hid an animal. Mr.

they should argue about something less likely to cause bad feeling. The bathing beaches, for instance.

EUGENICS AGAIN.

There was recently printed locally a report of a lecture by Dean Inge on "Eugenics and Religion." We have, as it happens, considerable knowledge of both. We have, as all our readers know, a profound regard for religion; but the profundity of our regard for that very real and genuine thing is well matched by the depth of our contempt for the empty nonsense of eugenics. Perhaps we ought not to use the word empty, because this cult is full of mischief and danger. Anything more startling or shocking than the conjugation of religion and eugenics we cannot recall at the moment. Eugenics, as we might hope to show even by the utterances of Dr. Inge, is irreligious. Any real religion must abhor eugenics, no matter what this extraordinary Dean may say. No one who reads us regularly is likely to accuse us of judging in any reaction against science. We revolt against the dictation of pseudo-science. If eugenics stopped, or could stop, at the abolition of slums and the eradication of epilepsy, phthisis, etc., there would be less to say against it; but it proposes to go much farther and once in the saddle would assuredly do so. We fear rather to the eugenics of the Galtonians than to the eugenics of Dr. Inge, which seem to have been cut and trimmed to squeeze within the four corners of his own notion of Christianity. In one sense we are ourselves eugenicists, for we desire greatly to tuck and improve environment, the chief factor affecting any race. The Galtonians aim more at heredity. But let us glance at a few of the reported remarks of Dr. Inge. Speaking of his fellow countrymen, this clergyman says that it is "only in the worst strata that the worst specimens, the imbeciles, for instance, gets married. In the higher ranks, a thoroughly degenerate stock like apparently admits their existence tends to die out unless there is great wealth or wealth or a title to act as a make-weight." A funny Christian, is he not, who regards "wealth or a title" as a make-weight for degeneracy? As regards beauty, we know how often consumptive girls are the most beautiful in the "lower strata," but we do not regard their good looks as a make-weight when they help to spread the white scourge.

Perhaps it would not be right to call Dr. Inge a snob. It must be difficult to talk as he did without seeming snobbish. "We are breeding," he said, "from our worst strata," meaning presumably from the families who produced the rank and file of the Contemptible Army. "Our best are being squeezed out of existence." He meant the rich, a proposition which might have angered the gentle Jesus whose views on such "make-weight" ought to be familiar to a clergyman. Talking at length of clever things for a Churchman to do he suggested that when in power and having to pay the piper, the Labour man would "apply the sacred trade union principle of limitation of output to his neighbour's provocative activities." This might have been a neat touch, if limitation of output had been a principle of Trade Unionism, which it is not. What we greatly desire to ask Dr. Inge is this: Is limitation of families a sacred principle of any religion, including his own? "I do not see," he replied, "a crumb of comfort for my own class, and I am afraid that many of our best families will inevitably disappear from the face of the earth." It is precisely there that he gives the eugenical game away. Every ardent eugenicist is keen on improving the race by establishing his own class as the best type worthy of preservation. He says plainly that in his opinion the country has owed the greater part of its glory to the "professional classes," a proposition we need not stop to debate. The weakness of the eugenist position is now clear. What are we to breed for? Brain or brawn? Blonde or brunette? Are we to breed for "beauty, wealth, and title"? Dr. Inge almost persuades us that he means that. He would certainly breed for the charming attributes, whatever they may be, of the professional classes. As we belong to these classes ourselves, it would be immodest to speculate as to the nature of these desirable attributes, which presumably make us fitter to survive than the masses. An England full of Inges, however, somehow fails to brighten our eyes. With all its seeming lower orders, those vulgar trespassers, we love England. At times we come close to fancying that we love even them. But we do not love Dr. Inge when he talks like that. He is a priest, and should know better. We want to censure him when he says that religion is not hostile to eugenics. The religion that does not oppose it is moribund, has lost its salt, is no more worthy to be called religion. Let us leave it there. After all, perhaps the only one who takes Dean Inge seriously is Dean Inge.

SPECIAL CABLE.

MISSING HONGKONG MAIL.

WHAT HAPPENED AT SINGAPORE.

STEAMER AGENTS FINED.

SINGAPORE, January 5. W. Mansfield and Co., the Blue Funnel Line agents in Singapore, were prosecuted by the postal authorities for failing to notify that the sailing of the s.s. "Knight Templar" had been altered with the result that the Hongkong mail missed it, and were fined \$50.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

More than fourteen provinces are represented in the present number of Members of Parliament in Canton. An extraordinary meeting of the National Assembly is expected in the next two weeks.

The Canton Food Relief Association is providing hot soup for the poor on the streets during the present cold spell. The committee has appropriated \$500 for the purpose. Several other charitable institutions are doing the same.

Subscriptions from local Scotsmen towards the Scottish National War Memorial amounted to \$4,209.82, and a demand draft for \$666 11s 1d had been forwarded to His Grace, the Duke of Atholl, Chairman of the Memorial Committee.

The following approaching weddings are announced: Mr. P. W. A. Wilkie, of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, to Miss Lilian Neave, daughter of Mr. T. Neave, of Kowloon Dock; Mr. L. G. dos Remedios to Miss C. M. Guimaraes; Sergeant G. A. Stinson, of Hongkong Police, to Miss R. M. Slay, en route from England by s.s. "Cap Finisterre."

At Newton Abbott on November 27 Chief-Writer F. W. Warr, who was Commodore's Writer on H.M.S. "Tamar," was married to Miss Edith Gwendoline Coles, sister of Chief-Writer W. A. Coles, who was in the Commodore's Office, Naval Yard. The best man was Chief-Writer T. H. Smith, who was also in the Commodore's Office.

A recent visitor to Singapore writes that "the most illuminating and yet the most disgusting evidence of the progress (?) of Singapore is the presence of deep pools in nearly all the roads after a shower of rain. What with the magnificent Tank Road Station, the nauseating smells from the nullahs and the filthy state of the city generally, Singapore has indeed every reason to be proud of the progress she has made in modernisation!"

Mr. M. H. Young, chief engineer of the Canton-Hankow Railroad, Kwangtung Section, has been asked to resign his position, the acting managing director having charged him with inciting the labourers of the maintenance department to strike, says the *Canton Times*. The post of the chief engineer of the road will be abolished, and Mr. Cheng Mo Tong, a former member of the staff of the road, will be appointed to take full charge of the work of maintenance.

Arrangements have been made under the auspices of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce for the holding of a number of public meetings in connection with the visit of the Commission for Combating Venereal Diseases. This evening, at 5.30, a meeting for men of the European community will take place at the Chamber of Commerce Room, Charter Bank Buildings; whilst film lectures for European men and women are to be given at the City Hall to-morrow and at the Helena May Institute on Monday.

Gold and silver coins will be extracted from any stall in the Central Market pointed out to Signor Chelafio by an official or representative of the press, at the Central Market to-morrow morning when the magician will perform some of his "street stunts." To-morrow afternoon Chelafio gives a private exhibition to representatives of the press. H. E. the Governor, Lady Stubbs, and suite are to be present at the opening performance of Chelafio and Palermo at the Theatre Royal on Saturday. Booking is at Moutrie's.

Writing in the special Christmas number of the *Malayan Leader*, "Permalan" says: I am hoping that we shall see an interesting cricket tournament in Singapore, perhaps in Kuala Lumpur, one of these days. If my memory serves me aright, Colombo and Burma visited Singapore in 1913 and there was a very interesting series of matches with a lot of high scoring. It will not be impossible to have another similar tournament towards the end of 1921. Hongkong and even Shanghai might be persuaded to join, while the usual invitations could go forward to Colombo and Rangoon. Calcutta may also be induced to send a team. The scheme is, I think, a feasible one, and I hope the suggestion will not be lost sight of.

CORRESPONDENCE.

HONGKONG CHINESE.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir—I do not propose to reply at length to Mr. Tso's letter which appeared in your paper on the 4th inst., for I am quite content to leave it to the judgment of the public as to whether or not my letter was a fair criticism of Mr. Halifax's speech and as to whether or not Mr. Tso's letter is a fair criticism of mine. In so far as there is a difference of opinion between Mr. Tso and myself in any matter, I am content with such difference. But silence on my part may be construed as a slight on Mr. Tso entirely unintended by me, and so, with your permission, I will make a few observations by way of reply to his letter.

To begin with, then, I say that I am greatly impressed by his "judicial ignorance"—if I may be pardoned for using a legal phrase—which caused him to be "struck" by my writing to the English, and not to the Chinese, Press on a subject which entirely concerns the Chinese themselves. He is sufficiently acquainted with me to know, I feel sure, that, having to guess much of my Chinese literary composition, I could not have written an elaborate letter to the Chinese Press without friendly aid and he really must not expect me to impose on the public by passing off as my own letters which I would have been quite incapable of writing. Moreover, Mr. Halifax's speech, my comments, concern English-speaking Chinese; I feel quite unrepentant, therefore, to have communicated my thoughts to the English Press.

Mr. Tso says, of myself, "He thinks that any English-speaking Chinese has suffered a grievance from Mr. Halifax in his endeavour to get into closer touch with the Chinese-speaking merchants, then &c., &c." Was Mr. Tso so struck by the fact that my letter appeared in the English Press that he could not read through it at all? For I do not like to impute against a man like Mr. Tso that he intentionally put words into my letter which I had expressly disavowed. I said at the very beginning of my letter that no one was likely to dispute with Mr. Halifax that he should get into much closer touch with a large proportion of that half-million to which reference had been made; I also said "By all means encourage the Chinese generally to take a deeper interest in public matters; if they could, as a whole, be induced or educated to take anything like the same interest as that evinced by any of the European democracies, half of the political troubles of China would have been solved." Indeed, I think it would not be unfair to say that Mr. Tso's letter, besides indulging in insinuations of questionable taste about "self-seeking English-speaking Chinese," and English-speaking Chinese "disappointed by Mr. Halifax," consists mainly of vehement attacks on imaginary utterances never made by me; of impassioned interrogations to questions never in dispute; of arguments based on premises never assumed. For instance, one would look in vain in my letter for any indication that I ever held the opinion that closer relationship between officials and Chinese merchants was anything but desirable; that an English-speaking Chinese's education was "undervalued because it was employed to assist in bringing out the Chinese-speaking merchants"; that it "is the sole aim and purpose of educational institutions to provide a costly and high-standard education for a small number of Chinese so that they may acquire it for their own personal aggrandisement"; and "so make them dazzling lights among their own countrymen, so dazzling that none dare to look upon them but with awe"; and so forth.

As regards my reference to the late Sir Kai Ho Kai, Sir Boshan Wei Yuk and all those other English-speaking Chinese who are now performing public services, that of course was evoked by Mr. Halifax's statement that "those who had learned to speak English well must, of necessity, in a place like Hongkong, have their views tinged with English ideas and it was just this English tinge—speaking for his office—they wanted to get rid of." Were not the two first-named gentlemen members of the District Watchmen's Committee; are not at least 7 or 8 out of the 12 members of the present District Watchmen's Committee (Advisory Board to the S.C.A.) men "who had learned to speak English well"? Without Mr. Tso's clairvoyance and inspiration, I can only construe Mr. Halifax's speech in the light of the usual English canons. If those words meant what they say, obviously, these men, with "the English tinge," are undesirable from the view of the S.C.A.'s office and should be got rid of.

In truth, the only statement in Mr. Tso's letter which has any direct relevance to my letter is his allegation that, my specific complaints against Mr. Halifax are not borne out by facts. Here, we must agree to differ. He is entitled to his opinion and I to mine, but he need not, I feel, take so much trouble to attack ideas which I did not either directly or by implication express, or to give us so

OPIUM TRAFFIC.

CHINESE POLICE ACCUSED.

CHARGED WITH CONIVANCE.

An important case was heard yesterday afternoon at the Magistracy, when a Chinese Police Sergeant and a constable were charged before Mr. N. L. Smith with violation of duty, in aiding in the disposal of a quantity of opium.

The defendants were represented by Mr. J. H. Gardiner and Mr. M. K. Lo.

Mr. T. H. King, Deputy Superintendent of Police, prosecuted. He said that the two defendants were members of the Water Police. They were charged with the following offences:

The first defendant—of allowing opium to be placed in his house on December 8, the drug having been taken there by the second accused; of paying "hush money" to the informants without making a report to the Police Station; and of converting the opium to his own use instead of taking it to the Police Station.

The second defendant—of taking the man on whom opium had been found to Yau-mat instead of to the Police Station; and of aiding and abetting the first defendant in the possession and disposal of the opium, without making a report to his superior officer.

Associated with the two defendants in the case was a Chinese constable who had absconded.

Mr. King said that on the night of December 7, information was obtained that illicit opium was on the steamer "Yatshing," lying beside the Kowloon godown. The informants communicated with Constable No. 94, stationed at West Point, and at 4 a.m. all went to a tea house and talked it over. With the permission of Inspector Willis, in charge at West Point, they set out for Kowloon Godown, arriving at 7 a.m. With Constable No. 94 was another constable from his station. They waited there until 1 p.m., then returned to No. 7 Police Station to report, leaving the informants behind. Defendants and the constable (No. 375) who had absconded, were then called by the informants to watch. At 5 p.m. the first defendant left to get his meal. At 6.30 p.m. four men, one of whom wore a long coat, came ashore from the "Yatshing." One of them was searched by Constable No. 375, but no contraband was found.

The man in the long coat then took a ricksha and went towards Canton Road, followed by C. 375. The ricksha was stopped near the Water Police Station. C. 375 led the way to the hillside and took from his legs three parcels, two of which contained opium. On the appearance of the second defendant, C. 375 turned the smuggler over to him, and took the opium to the house of the first defendant. It was not known what became of the smuggler.

The first defendant gave the informants \$10, and later \$90, to be divided among themselves and two men on the "Yatshing" who had helped them. The same night, about 11.30, Constable 94 met the defendants on the street and took them to No. 7 Police Station. From information obtained, the Court proceedings were instituted.

Mr. King said that a police officer was allowed to use discretion in advancing money to informers, but not such an amount as had been given in this instance.

The case was adjourned, after one of the informants had given evidence.

The native bankers in Canton are still pressing on the government for relief in the matter of the depreciated notes of the Bank of China, Canton Branch, reports the Canton paper. The native bankers may resort to legal action against the bank, unless the provincial authorities come to the rescue. So far no definite action has been taken by the Government to relieve the native bankers. The local authorities are still devising means to help the bankers.

many platitudes about the function of education and of educational institutions.

In conclusion, I can only congratulate Mr. Tso on his apparent ability to speak, not only on behalf of the late Sir Kai Ho Kai, and the Hongkong Officials, but on behalf of Mr. Halifax who is on leave.

Yours, etc.,

M. K. LO.

Hongkong, Jan. 5, 1921.

WHAT IS A GENTLEMAN?

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir—Appropos the question "What is a Gentleman," recently referred to in your columns, might I bring to the notice of your readers a definition attributed to the late Sir Beer-bohm Tree, which, to my mind, is about the best. "Tree, in an interview with a representative of one of the London monthly magazines, some time back, described a gentleman as 'a man who did not care a damn whether he was considered a gentleman or otherwise.'—Yours, etc.,

INDIFFERENT.

Hongkong, Jan. 5, 1921.

K.C.C. GOLF.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Golf Section of the Kowloon Cricket Club held its annual general meeting last night at the Club, electing officers and transacting other business. There was a good attendance. Mr. D. C. Nicoll presided, supported by Mr. H. Overy (Hon. Secretary), Dr. Woodman, Mr. W. T. Elson and several others.

The Chairman expressed the opinion that the Club could congratulate itself on having had another very successful season. The playing had been of a good standard the membership was up to the maximum allowed by the U.S.R.C. rules; and the various competitions held had been well contested and had produced some interesting play. In inter-Club matches they had to acknowledge defeat by the U.S.R.C. on two occasions. Of the games with the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, the first was lost on the last putt, and the second was won by a comfortable margin.

He hoped that these matches would be continued and members would continue to show the same lively interest at they had done in the past. In order to perpetuate the memory of their late respected Secretary, Mr. J. H. Mead, the Club had provided a shield to be competed for. The first round of the competition would be played on January 9, the second on January 15, and the semi-final on January 23. Referring to the decision arrived at, at the last annual meeting to award monthly medals in connection with the competition for the Captain's Cup, the Chairman remarked that it had not proved a great success. He pleaded with members to take a greater interest in the qualifying competitions. The Chairman expressed thanks to Mr. Elson for the interest he had displayed in assisting to organise the bogey pool run in conjunction with the U.S.R.C. and the Kowloon Bowling Green Club. They had started off very well and he trusted the interest shown so far would be sustained. They were also grateful to Mr. Elson for carrying on during the absence of Mr. Overy on leave.

After the Chairman's address, the members proceeded with the election of officers. The following were chosen:

Captain: Mr. W. T. Elson.
Hon. Secretary: Mr. H. Overy.
Committee: Messrs. Nicoll, McKenzie, Robinson, Avenall and Dr. Woodman.

As the membership of the Golf Section of the Club has reached the maximum allowed by the U.S.R.C., a resolution, proposed by Mr. Overy, was adopted, permitting subscribing members to join at a fee of \$10. This would enable the members of the Club who already belong to the U.S.R.C. and K.B.G.C., to enter the Club's competitions.

Mr. McKenzie proposed, and Mr. Davison seconded, a resolution in favour of abolishing the medals given in the monthly competitions for the Captain's Cup. It was carried, after a discussion, in which the Chairman and Mr. McKenzie questioned the advisability of giving so many cups, and Mr. Overy took the opposite view.

Several members indicated a willingness to award trophies, and a number of debentures in the proposed new Club House also were offered for competition.

Following is the draw for the first round for the Mead Shield: Dr. Woodman and V. C. Labrum; J. Stalker and E. D. Evans; J. Gibson and W. T. Elson; D. C. Nicoll and K. R. Macaskill; H. E. Stevens and J. Parkes; H. Overy and P. Heathcote; D. J. Mackenzie and J. H. Kynoch. The game between A. O. Brown and J. McCubbin has been played, the latter winning by 3 up and 1 to play.

BUILDING RULES.

VIEWS OF CHINESE COMMUNITY.

COMMITTEE CONSIDERS POINTS.

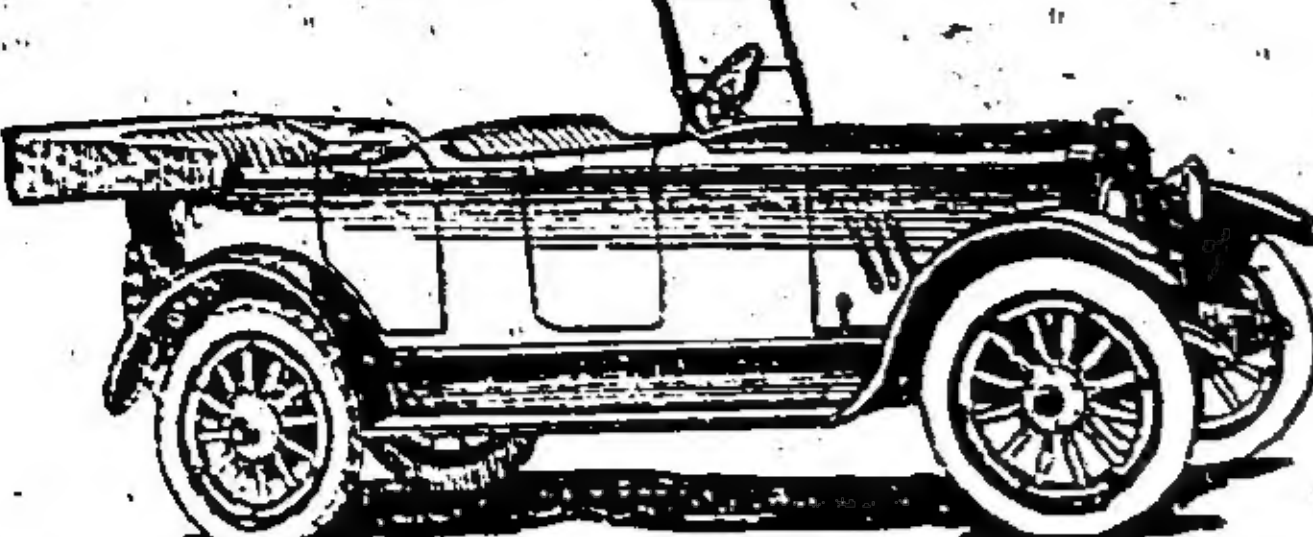
The new Building Regulations were considered at a meeting of the Committee of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, held on Tuesday at 2.30 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce room. The Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak presided.

The Chairman announced that the reports of the architect and the solicitor, Mr. M. K. Lo, had been submitted to the two Chinese representatives on the Legislative Council. The services of an architect in consultation had been obtained through the generosity of Mr. Fung Ping-shan, who had offered to pay the expenses.

Of the recommendations of the architect, the Chairman said, there were two important points which should be represented to the Government. Both had to do with questions affecting back lanes.

Mr. Fung Ping-shan, after thanking Mr. Lo for his assistance, proposed that the two Chinese representatives on the Legislative Council be asked to approach the Government on the two points. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ho Fook, and carried unanimously.

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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

FUTURE OF PALESTINE.

COUNTRY MUST PRACTICALLY BE REBUILT.

RISK OF IMMIGRANTS.

LONDON, January 5.
Sir Alfred Mond, who is going to Palestine on January 6 to discuss details of the new Palestinian loan with Sir Herbert Samuel, interviewed by Reuter, spoke in very optimistic terms of the future of Palestine. He emphasised the enormous amount of work to be done. The country must practically be rebuilt. He dwelt on the enthusiasm of the Jews, especially in Central Europe, for settlement in Palestine. Many were actually walking from the Ukraine and reaching Palestine via Constantinople. The difficulty was to restrain would-be immigrants until the land was prepared for the new population. Sir Alfred did not anticipate religious difficulties. There was already a good deal of Arab and Jewish commercial co-operation, and the population would improve as the country advanced. All the responsible Jewish leaders were anxious to secure Arab co-operation.

WILSON'S VETO DEFEATED.

WHAT THE AMERICAN WAR FINANCE CORPORATION MEANS.

WASHINGTON, January 5.
The House of Representatives re-passed the War Finance Corporation Bill which now becomes law in spite of President Wilson's veto.

WASHINGTON, January 5.
The revival of the War Finance Corporation means the provision of a credit of \$1,000,000,000 to enable the farmers to export their surplus products to foreign markets that want to buy but are unable to pay cash.

WAR DEBTS.

FINANCIER SUGGESTS AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE.

UPSETTING EXCHANGES.

LONDON, January 5.
The financier Raymond Fennell, in a letter to the *Times*, refers to the impending visit of Lord Chalmers to Washington with the object of discussing the rearrangement of the payment of Britain's war debts to America. Mr. Fennell infers that Britain, in proposing to pay is apparently not considering what course shall be pursued as regards her European Allies' indebtedness to her, which, even excluding Russia's heavy debt, exceeds Britain's debt to the United States. He asks if the nations which fought alongside for right, liberty, and truth should exact from each other the uttermost payment for services rendered and suggests that the levying of repayments on a business basis among the Allies will jeopardise future peace and friendliness and prevent the stability of exchanges, the flourishing of trade, and the disappearance of unemployment. He urges the American Government to convene an international conference at which the whole question of inter-Ally war indebtedness should be discussed. Mr. Fennell fears that the Government has not fully realised the vital importance of dealing correctly, wisely and broad-mindedly with foreign debts.

AN IMPERIAL PACIFIC FLEET?

INTERESTING REPORT WITHOUT SLIGHTEST CONFIRMATION.

HOW THE RUMOUR ORIGINATED.

LONDON, January 5.
Considerable interest has been aroused in Dominion circles in London by an announcement in a London newspaper asserting that a Canadian naval squadron is being transferred to the Pacific where it will co-operate with the United States fleet. The statement has received especial publicity in Australia, where unauthorised comment talks of the creation of an Imperial Pacific fleet to which the Royal Navy and Canada, Australia, and New Zealand will contribute. Reuter learns that enquiries made in London, however, failed to elicit the slightest confirmation of the foregoing statement. Indeed it is asserted that Canada, while sympathetic from an Imperial viewpoint to an Imperial Pacific fleet, wishes nothing so much as to be left to develop her internal resources. It is further pointed out that the original statement emanated from America. Nothing whatever is to hand from Canada. It may be further mentioned that orders for some of the Canadian warships to be sent to the Pacific were given some weeks ago before the vessels left Britain, the intention of the Canadian authorities being that they should appear on both shores.

WOMAN'S BLOOD GIFT.

£20 REWARD REFUSED.

SAVING A BOY'S LIFE.

To save the life of a 13-year-old boy, at St. Mary's Hospital, Praed-street, Paddington, a young woman medical student, Miss Best, who until now has remained anonymous, gave a pint of her blood.

She was chosen for the transfusion as her blood was of the right kind. The blood was drawn from the arm through a hollow needle into a vacuum flask, from which it was later injected into the boy's arm. Miss Best felt

very little the worse for the loss of blood.

She refused to take the £20 reward offered by the boy's relatives, and the cheque, at her request, has been given to the hospital.

STRAIGHT AT IT.

THERE is no use of one "beating around the bush." We might as well out with it first as last. We want you to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the next time you have a cough or cold. There is no reason so far as we can see why you should not do so. This preparation by its remarkable cure has gained a world-wide reputation, and people everywhere speak of it in the highest terms of praise. It is for sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

"NO GOOD AT ALL."

MAN UNDER THE TABLE.

MUST ACCEPT THE CONSEQUENCES.

Wong Wing-chun who was remanded on Tuesday by Magistrate Orme on a charge of entering the house of Mr. F. Dubois, No. 33, Morrison Hill Road, for a felonious purpose in the small hours of the morning of Jan. 1, was again before the Magistrate this morning. The remand, it will be remembered, was given in order that the accused might be given a chance to produce witnesses to prove his bona fides.

This morning Sergeant Kelly reported to the Magistrate that he had taken the accused to interview his former employers. It was true that the accused had been employed at the French Bank, but that was two years ago, and he was dismissed because he was "no good at all." Previous to joining the Bank, the accused had worked at the French Consulate but they very soon got rid of him. He (the Sergeant) had interviewed the French Consul yesterday, and the latter was prepared to re-appoint the accused after the Court had dealt with him.

The Magistrate: Personally you do not know anything about the accused?—Not at all.

The Magistrate: If people want to go to houses at night and get under the table, they must take the risk.

To the interpreter: Tell him that I understand the French Consul is prepared to send him back to Hongkong, and in the circumstances I will pass a lighter sentence on him than I would if he were to continue to remain here. He will go to jail for one month with hard labour.

TRADING JUNK CAPSIZES.

TWO MEN DROWNED.

OLD MAN DIES FROM EXPOSURE.

The loss of a trading junk with fatal consequences has been reported to the police at Chuenchau by the master who states that about 10.30 a.m. of January 4, while the vessel was on a voyage from Pok-O on Lantau Island to Chuenchau carrying a crew of three besides himself, and two male and three female passengers, it was caught in a squall near Pakkwok and capsized. All on board, together with the cargo, were thrown into the water. The master and six others clung to the overturned boat and remained in the water for over an hour before they were rescued by a passing fishing junk and taken to Chuenchau. One fish and one passenger sank immediately and were apparently drowned. All efforts to recover the bodies of the missing people failed. A man, over 60 years of age, collapsed from exposure immediately after he was landed at Chuenchau, and in spite of artificial respiration, did not recover. He remains were removed to the mortuary.

ST. GEORGE'S BALL, 1921.

DANCE PROGRAMME.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THURSDAY.

For the convenience of guests at the Annual Ball of the St. George's Society on Thursday next, January 6, it is announced that the rendezvous for the dancers in St. George's Hall will be known by three red lights in St. Andrew's Hall, by a similar number of blue lights, and in the Music Room three green lights will prove the means of finding partners. The following is the programme of dances—Extra Waltz (Beautiful Ohio); 1. Lancers 6 Veronique; 2. One Step (Oh Helen); 3. Fox Trot (Whispering); 4. Waltz (Oh What a Pal was Mary); 5. Fox Trot (Arcadian); 6. One Step (Tact); 7. Fox Trot (Venetian Moon); 8. Waltz (Mistral); 9. One Step (Hongkong); 10. Fox Trot (Vamp); 11. One Step (Cairo); 12. Fox Trot (Rose Room); 13. Lancers (Gopher Dances); 14. Lancers (Orchid); 15. Waltz (Destiny); 16. One Step (Oh by Jingo); 17. Fox Trot (Dardanelles); 18. Waltz (The Christies); 19. Fox Trot (So Long O Long); 20. Sir Roger de Coverley; Second Extra; One Step (Wild, wild woman); Third Extra; Fox Trot (Indianapolis).

The Bands of H.M.S. "Hawkins" and the 2nd Wiltshire Regiment will provide the music; and late Peak Trams and Ferries will run at 1.30 a.m., 2 a.m. and 2.30 a.m.

News has been received in the Colony in confirmation of a cable announcing the death at Gworne House, Crefi, on November 25, of Mr. John Wemyss Stewart, chief clerk of the China Sugar Refinery, who had resided in Hongkong for upwards of 35 years. Mr. Stewart, who went home on leave last year, leaves a widow with whom the deepest sympathy will be felt.

POLICE RAID.

PRINTING PRESS SEIZED.

UNLAWFUL LOTTERY TICKETS.

The unlawful possession of a printing press without a permit of the Registrar of Newspapers and Printing Establishments, and the illegal printing of paper lottery tickets in an unnumbered house at Shek-O, were the charges preferred against a Chinese before Magistrate Smith at the Magistracy yesterday.

Mr. Leo d'Almeida appeared for the defence and pleaded "not guilty."

Outlining the case for the prosecution, Detective Inspector Grant said that the evidence was slightly complicated, but there was no doubt that defendant was the man in charge of the printing office at Shek-O in which a large machine was installed and in which printing in connection with paper lottery tickets had been carried on for some time. Information had reached the Police a long time ago, but owing to the difficulty of locating the house, because all the houses in Shek-O had no numbers, the raid was not made until the 1st. At 2 a.m. on that day, in company with Mr. T. H. King, Deputy Superintendent of Police, and a number of Chinese detectives, he started for Shek-O in a launch, arriving there at 3.30 a.m. The informant pointed out two houses used as the printing department and the office respectively. Defendant had got "wind" of the raid and with his staff deserted both houses on the previous night.

The printing press, a big machine, had been removed from the printing department and was concealed in a cactus bush. A considerable quantity of paper had been destroyed and between 10 and 14 big heaps of ashes were noticed outside the two houses. The Police waited in the village and at 9.30 a.m. arrested defendant coming out of one of the houses with a red blanket. The articles seized in the two houses included a small quantity of printing paper and three baskets of paper ready to be taken to Yau-mai and Hongkong to be distributed. Evidence would be given to show that these papers had been taken to the house by defendant who, in the ordinary course of events, would engage a woman to take them to a launch at Shaokwan. A thorough search was made of the vicinity of the houses and resulted in the discovery of the complete printing gear, some types and three printing trays.

Defendant was fined \$100.

CANTON PUBLIC FINANCE.

COMMISSIONER OPTIMISTIC.

SOURCES OF TAXATION.

Mr. Liao Chang-hai, Commissioner of Kwangtung Finance, when interviewed by a representative of the *Carlton Times*, was not at all pessimistic over the present financial situation in Canton, believing that certain reforms will double the present public income.

According to Mr. Liao, the Kwangtung Militaries, while controlling Kwangtung, contracted loans amounting to nearly \$10,000,000—some \$4,000,000 from local native banks, and Yen 5,000,000 from the Taiwan, the China and Southern Banks—giving public property as security. The proceeds of these loans have gone into the pockets of the Kwangtung militaries as military expenses.

The principal income of the Government of Kwangtung consists of the land tax of about \$3,500,000; salt, \$8,000,000; miscellaneous, \$5,500,000; liquor, \$3,750,000; and tobacco and wine tax \$3,000,000.

By the suppression of gambling, the Government has lost an annual income of about \$10,000,000.

In the opinion of Mr. Liao, it is not necessary to create new taxation to cover the deficit caused by the abolition of gambling. Mr. Liao would suggest a new survey, through which some \$6,000,000 to \$7,000,000 may be added to the present land tax of \$3,500,000. Through a further reform in the salt administration, at least \$8,000,000 more annually might be realized, thus providing an addition to the revenue of \$15,000,000 or more.

The Province of Kwangtung should have more than \$38,000,000 of public income a year. At the same time, the Government may increase its revenue through the development of government industries.

"If anybody thinks this is a free country, he is sadly mistaken." This is the prelude to some forcible remarks by Mr. Rooth, the Thames Police Court magistrate, when imposing a small fine on two young men for causing an obstruction in a market place and selling brooms after 9 p.m. "We can hope of no do what we wish," continued Mr. Rooth. "There is always some statute to prevent us from doing an honest living, or say, taking a glass of some mildly alcoholic beverage when very thirsty." All these are very serious offences as viewed by the Legislature. At the same time, the Legislature gives the magistrate no judge a certain latitude.

THEFT ON THE "BREMEN."

DOCTOR VICTIMISED.

FIREMAN CONVICTED AT COLOMBO.

On December 16, before the Joint Police Magistrate, Colombo, Commander C. E. Stainer, Master Attendant and Joint Police Magistrate, Hugh Feely, a fireman on board the "Bremen," a transport, was charged by E. P. S. King of the Fort police, with the theft of a pair of prismatic binoculars belonging to Dr. Dodds of the F.M.S. Medical Service, and a passenger on board the same vessel.

It would appear that Feely, went ashore and offered to sell the pair of binoculars to E. P. S. King for Rs. 5. The police sergeant found the Government stamp on the glasses and returned them to the accused, remarking that he did not require them. He followed the accused who eventually sold them to one Silva for Rs. 5.

The accused pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to three months' rigorous imprisonment.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS. Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 15th day of January, 1921, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Tait Tse Mui, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the right of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

Lot No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Acres	Annual Rent	Upset Price
1	Lot No. 1, Tait Tse Mui, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the right of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.				

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

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January 11, 1921, commencing at 2.30 p.m. at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Lee House Street.

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NOTICES.

LANE, CRAWFORD'S CHOICE WINES.

CLARETS. J. Lebegue & Co., Margaux.
Medoc — Qrt bots \$2.00 Pint bots \$1.20
St. Emilion — " 2.50 " 1.40

Chateau Gruaud-Larose — " qrt bots 3.00
" " " 1.70

BURGUNDIES. J. Lebegue & Co., Margaux.
Beaujolais — " per pint bot \$1.50
Gevrey Chambertin — " " 1.70

WHITE WINES. J. Lebegue & Co., Margaux.
Freignac, Ponsesse — " per qrt bot \$2.50
" " " 1.30

Chateau Montbrun, — " " 1.60
Chablis — " qrt " 3.00

PORTS.
Medium Tawny, FONSECAS — " per bot \$3.00
Royal Reserve — " " 3.50

Navy Special Saccos & Speed — " " 3.00

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17—R. F. Eastern.
22—P. & O. Pilsy.
23—R. F. Bellerophon.
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Feb. 4—R. F. O. Delta.
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Always one of the biggest social events of the year, it promises this time to be even a more brilliant function than usual. The many committees have been hard at work for weeks preparing for the festivities; the scheme of decoration has been planned on a magnificent scale; and every provision has been made for conveniently accommodating the great number of guests that will attend.

All day to-day the building was in the hands of an army of workmen putting the finishing touches on the decorations, preparing the floors, connecting the lights, and completing the thousand and one other details necessary in the organization of a function on so large a scale.

Under the capable supervision of the members of the committees and the experts in charge of the lighting and certain special arrangements, scores of labourers were working in a maze of foliage, flowers, and other decorations, while through the doors and down the corridors in furniture, greenery of every description, boxes of supplies and other paraphernalia—all of it to contribute its share to the success of the great occasion.

The committee in charge of the decorations, of which Major E. G. Bird is chairman, has done a notable piece of work in transforming the building and providing a beautiful setting for the Ball. It is true to say that City Hall has been converted into a fairyland—but true, nevertheless. More true in this instance than in most others, for the reason that the type of decoration employed by the committee lends so charmingly to the illusion. In a word, the building, from top to bottom, is one great arbor of masses and ropes of greenery—piled up in banks, or twining prettily over rustic columns and arches, or draped gracefully from walls and ceilings, and all studded with fresh, fragrant roses and coloured electric lights, cunningly concealed. Entering the scene, one has the impression of stepping into a huge conservatory; passing through tunnels of roses and foliage, of coming suddenly upon a wonder path in a fairy garden.

First, in point of decorations, is the big white shield of electric lights, bearing the red cross of St. George, that hangs above the main entrance to the building, which at night will light up the street a square away. Of the three front doors that give entrance from the street, the centre is the official door for H.E. the Governor and his party; the one to the left opens into the ladies' cloak room; that to the right to the gentlemen's cloak rooms. Guests will enter these doors, and meet inside in the lower hall.

Here is where the guests will get their initial glimpse of the lavish decorations that have been carried out through the building. The hall downstairs is a perfect treasure-house of luxurious ferns and palms, while overhead, and leading up the grand staircase, is a rustic arcade, loaded with greenery and roses. Through this, the guests will revel in the perfume of the flowers and foliage, and the ball rooms on the floor above. The other rooms on the lower floor that have been set aside for bar and card rooms, also have been richly decorated with flowers and coloured draperies.

Upstairs, the guests will come upon a landing that is similarly half hidden in flowers and foliage, giving access to the two ballrooms, the Halls of St. George and St. Andrew. The ball-

rooms are decorated with fascinating daintiness. In St. George's Hall the walls are draped in white, studded with ornamental patterns in red, and picked out with strings of foliage and roses. Along the upper part of the walls runs a frieze of clusters of foliage connected with strings of greenery. The ceiling is hidden behind a rich canopy of streamers of red and white, encircled with a great rope of greenstuff bearing a wealth of roses, and held in the centre with a great button of foliage. At the side is the dais for the Governor and his official party, and this, too, is charmingly and appropriately decorated. St. Andrew's Hall also is richly and brightly embellished with dainty designs.

Around the outside of the ball rooms the balconies have been enclosed, and provided with any number of comfortable sitting-out places in attractive surroundings. Here also are many palms and ferns, and on the walls are flags. A pretty scheme of decoration has been carried out likewise in the various lounging rooms and the buffet room established on this floor.

The supper will be served in the theatre, where appropriate decorations have been carried out with generous hand. The stage, where the official party will sit as guests of the Society, is enclosed in gorgeous draperies of black and yellow; the columns supporting the balcony are draped with colour; the balcony itself carries hangings of black and yellow, held with knots of red; while along the edge are frequent stanzas of the flags of the Allies. The way to the stage from the grand staircase leads down a passage which is hung with dainty green, purple, and white flowers.

The principal feature of the whole decorative scheme is, of course, the wealth of fresh roses that have been employed, and for these the Society has had the liberal assistance of the Botanical Department. Credit for the decorations is given Major Bird, and in general the members of his committee on Decorations, especially Mr. Thomas Grimshaw and Mr. John Parkes. Mr. W. A. Dowley, chairman of the Committee on Music and Dancing, and Mr. R. J. Wilson, chairman of the committee on Wines and Supper, also come in for commendation from all who have had occasion to observe the excellent manner in which they have discharged their duties. Others, outside of the members of the committees, as well as included among their number, are the recipients of the gratitude of those concerned for their co-operation, among them being the Harbour Office, which has assisted materially.

The committees in charge of the ball are as follows:—

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London, Nov. 4. There is going to be some grim work at our suburban Christmas parties this festive season, and many an amateur conjurer is likely to get badly mangled through messing about with magic that he doesn't understand.

Usually these gentlemen content themselves with a wand, two eggs, one real, and a half-educated rabbit; but this year they are aiming at bigger game.

"DISAPPEARING DUCK."

The "Star" man met one of them on Hammersmith Bridge staggering under a huge infernal machine, like a trench mortar with guillotine attachment, and marked "Lot 2,857." This, he learned, was the "Wonderful Disappearing Duck," a stage illusion that once formed part of the late Chung Ling Soo's repertoire.

Not far away, in a Barnes auction room, the remainder of that dead artist's "props" were being sold at bargain prices.

PART OF THE CATALOGUE.

It was an astonishing collection that the "Star" man found in the showroom: Chinese pagodas, umbrellas and paper lanterns piled in heaps, trick chairs, magic carpets, seven-league boots, lumps of dismembered giants, life-size cardboard soldiers, cabinet tricks, bird cages, scores of old swords, faded costumes, trick pistols, and things that looked like Chinese instruments of torture.

In the auction room was a crowd of amateur conjurers, snail-shell turns, and pastime-furnishers on the lookout for suitable properties.

THE CONJURER IN THE HOME.

Bidding was brisk, the smaller lots being eagerly bought up by the amateur gentlemen who will presently wreck their homes with them and ensnare their relatives.

Lot 71, various birdcage tricks, fetched 12s. 2. "dove-producing basket" went for 8s. and a "magic glass-of-water-producing tray, with magic fish bowls," was secured for 32s. 6d.

Nine trick table-tops, capable, the auctioneer said, of producing anything, went for 5s. and a revolver with powder ("Go easy with that, sir. You're not in Ireland") was bought by a harmless young man for 20s. Hammersmith was the nearest hospital, they told him.

BOTTLES AND BATTLE AXES.

A quantity of bottle fakes for producing any liquid you like went to an anti-pussfoot for 26s. and three battle axes, a Chinese totem, and a magic fishing rod fetched the same price.

"Three Dream of Wealth banknote cages" came next. With these, it was explained, Chung Ling Soo made five-disappear like twinkling: "but not so quick as I can," said the auctioneer, and knocked them down for 6s.

A "bellows table for producing assistant" was bought for £1. A very simple trick this, and an ornament to any Christmas party.

"You get inside it, open the door, and you're not there." This trick should be performed last of all, or immediately you've upset the goldfish over your aunt.

PANTOMIME PROPERTIES.

Lot 102 was a life-size lion in papier mache, with quantity of panto heads.

The amateurs had no use for this because of the children, so the pantomime furnishes had it all their own way, and the lion disappeared for £2 10s.

An elephant in sections and a ditto kangaroo fetched only 30s.

Included in the sale were Chung Ling Soo's famous "Death Chair" illusion, "bridal chamber" illusion, and the "Vanishing Girl bench."

One prospective buyer tried hard to persuade his wife to try the last, "just to see if it was in working order"; but the lady was suspicious.

—The Star.

Scotsmen will be sorry to hear of the death of the Rev. Alex. Connel, successor to Dr. John Watson ("Ian MacLellan") Sefton Park Church, Liverpool, after a long illness. When he was convener of the foreign missions of the Presbyterian Church of England, he stayed some time in Singapore on his way to visit the stations in India, after his visitation of China and Formosa.

Wines and Supper Committee.—Messrs. R. J. Wilson (Chairman), F. A. Wells, G. S. Archibut, T. H. G. Brayfield, G. C. Towns, D. Abbey, K. J. Austin, G. G. Wood, R. L. Bridger, T. E. Pearce, L. F. Townend, E. S. Abbott, W. D. Jupp, E. Roberts, W. A. Hannibal, and A. Nicholson.

SPORT.

YESTERDAY'S FOOTBALL.

UNITED SERVICES LEAGUE.

Large crowds of Service men witnessed two interesting matches in connection with the United Services Football League yesterday. Both games were very evenly contested and great excitement prevailed. The Sookumpoo Valley match between the R.G.A. and the "Ambrose" resulted in a win for the Artillerymen by two goals to nil after a very exciting struggle. The "Hawkins" v. "Tamar" match at Happy Valley was very keenly contested, ending in a goalless draw.

Descriptions of the matches follow:—

R.G.A. v. "AMBROSE."

The Sailors set the pace from the opening whistle in this match and for the first few minutes were all over their opponents who had to play very carefully to avoid an early downfall of their citadel. After a series of clever passes which was very popular with the spectators, the Gunners went down, and Veale, receiving, tested Harwood with a drive which the latter very neatly punched away. Veale was still in position, however, and trapping the ball as it came from Harwood, drove it hard into the net for the opening goal. With the Artillerymen leading so early in the match, the "Ambrose" men assumed the offensive from the centre and were soon giving the Artillery defence a warm time. Relief came when Frampton cleared with a hefty kick to midfield. After one or two breakaways by both sets of forwards, which were checked before they could be dangerous, the ball was confined to midfield where all attempts to get it away failed. The half time whistle came with the Gunners leading by one goal to nil.

Kicking off at the resumption, the "Ambrose" tried to get away, but were robbed by the Gunners, who immediately made a bee-line for the opposite end of the field, only to be stopped by Edridge who was playing a very sound game. Play was transferred to the Gunners' territory where Frampton was forced to kick behind to save the situation. Beardsall took the corner kick and placed the ball well. It struck the top of the crossbar and rebounded into play. Monkhouse trapped the ball and sent in a first time shot which went straight into Woods' hands and the latter threw the ball out before he could be tackled. The Gunners continued play after this and Wilson, coming in from the right, sent in a low, swift shot which it was impossible for Harwood to stop. In spite of strenuous attempts by the Sailors to get away after this, the Gunners succeeded in confining the ball to midfield, and playing out time, managed to win by two goals to nil.

"HAWKINS" v. "TAMAR"

These two teams met on the Navy Ground, Happy Valley. "Tamar" lost the toss and kicked off against the breeze. In spite of this handicap, they at once made tracks for the "Hawkins" territory. Play was very fast from the opening whistle.

The "Hawkins" defence was taking no chances and wasted no time in stopping the invasion, clearing the ball to midfield. Both ends of the field were visited in quick succession, but without success. After a while, the struggle was confined to midfield with the "Hawkins" having slightly the better of the exchanges, but not sufficiently to give their forwards any advantage. Whenever either sets of forwards got in front of goal, they missed good chances by erratic shooting. The half time came with the score sheet blank.

Resuming, the "Tamar" at once attacked and forced a corner off Edwards. Heap took the kick but sent the ball out. The kick-in saw the "Hawkins" transfer play to the "Tamar" end where Ballard sent in a shot which completely beat Powell, but much to the disappointment of the men of the Flagship, the ball struck the crossbar and went out. The "Hawkins" continued to press for a while but they were still erratic in their shooting and failed to score. During a "mule" in "Tamar" territory, a foul against Grant sent the "Hawkins" in, where Webb received a beautiful pass from Chatham, but before he could make full use of it, the ball was robbed from him by Castle who kicked away only to have it returned by Wilkins with a long shot which just missed the upright. During the closing stages of the game, the "Tamar" were continuously in enemy territory, and had very hard lines in missing a good chance.

The whistle sounded with the ball in "Hawkins" territory, but the goal had not been beaten and the match ended appropriately in a goalless draw.

HONGKONG LEAGUE.

2ND DIVISION FIXTURES.

Below are the 2nd Division fixtures for Saturday January 8, 1921.—
2.30 p.m. United F.C. v. South China, St. Joseph's ground.
2.30 p.m. Recreio v. St. Joseph's, South China ground.
2.30 p.m. Staffs v. Indians, Sookumpoo ground.
2.30 p.m. "Cardiac" v. Punjabis, Navy Ground.
2.30 p.m. R.G.A. v. Oilers United, Navy Ground.
4 p.m. Kowloon v. Club, South China ground.

GOLF.

ARMY v. NAVY.

This match was played at Fanning on Tuesday and a close contest resulted in a win for the Navy by 1½ points. The Navy led in the singles in the morning by 2 points, but in the afternoon the Army bucked up and played a good close finish by getting the better of the four-ball games.

The scores were:—

	ARMY.	S.	F.
1 Major Bagnall	0	1	1
2 Major Downing	1	0	1
3 Major Humphreys	1½	1	1
4 Capt. Murphy	1	1	1
5 Major Hickling	0	0	0
6 Col. Wyndham	1	1	1
7 Capt. Cordon	0	0	0
8 Major Sturges	0	0	0
9 Capt. Meredith	1	0	0
10 Lt. Hammond	0	0	0
Totals	6½	3	3

NAVY.

	S.	F.
1 Midn. Sheffield	0	0
2 Commr. Wedhouse	0	0
3 Lieut. Casswell	0	0
4 Lieut. Jones	1½	0
5 Midn. Morgan	0	0
6 Rev. Crole-Rees	2	0
7 Payr. Commr. Boucher	1½	1½
8 Lieut. Stuart	1½	1½
9 Lt. Commr. Kilgour	1½	0
10 Lt. Commr. Drew	1	0
11 Lt. Cdr. Curry	1½	1
12 Lt. Hunt	1½	1
13 Lt. Taylor	1½	1
14 Payr. Commr. Stern	0	0
Totals	8½	2½

LEAGUE CRICKET.

C.S.C.C. v. R.C.

In the above match to take place on the 8th inst. at 2.15 p.m. on the Civil Service ground, the following will represent the Indians:—A. H. Romjahn, A. el Arculli, M. H. Abbas, S. H. Ismail, A. A. Romjahn, D. Weersapill, S. A. Ismail, K. Khan, S. D. Ismail, D. Romjahn and N. M. Bux.

C.R.C. v. C.C.C.

In the above match on the C.R.C. ground on Saturday at 2 p.m. the following will represent the Chinese:—Ng See Kwong (Capt.) Un Hwa Fan, Geo. Lee, Hung Man To, M. P. Shin, H. Ching, J. Wong, Choa Man Ping, Lai Kum, M. P. Lo and Yew Man Hon.

CAUGHT IN A SQUALL.

SHIPWRECKED SEAMEN.

EIGHTEEN ARRIVE IN HONGKONG.

On arrival of the s.s. "Chinfoo" in port yesterday, eighteen shipwrecked seamen were brought to the Central Station by Captain Hessel who reported having picked the men up from waterlogged junks on January 2, some miles off Shanghai.

It appears that the unfortunate men were caught in a squall and their craft wrecked.

Arrangements are being made to repatriate the men who are all Northerners, and appear to be fishermen.

The famous Canton East Garden near the East Bridge, the Bund, will be turned into a large amusement ground. The place will be open about Chinese New Year.

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BIG BUILDING PROGRAMME.

CONTRACTS FOR NINE VESSELS FIXED.

The ambitious project of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, viz., the building of 500,000 tons of new ships, is making good progress towards realisation. At present a freighter of 6,000 tons is under construction at the Uraga Dockyard, while the Yokohama Dockyard has been entrusted with the construction of a steamer of 3,500 tons, four ships of the T-class, and two vessels of 7,000 tons each. At the Mitsubishi Shipyard three freighters of 10,000 tons are to be built. It is expected that further orders will be given.

It is understood that the 10,000-ton ships will be used on the European run. The fact is that before the war the Nippon Yusen Kaisha operated ships of the 10,000 ton type on the European run, but after the "Yasaka Maru," one of the best of such ships, was torpedoed, the company removed them to the American run to protect them from submarine danger. These ships have since been maintained on the American run. It is said that there are certain circumstances which make it difficult for the company to take them back to the European run, but such ships are also needed for the Oriental-European service. The three ships of 10,000 tons each are intended to meet this demand. The orders so far given by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha under its 500,000-ton programme total about 80,000 tons.

ORDER FOR GLASGOW SHIPBUILDERS.

In addition, the company has ordered two passenger steamers from a Glasgow shipyard. One is to be launched in May, 1922, and the other in July of the same year. They will each have a capacity of 4,700 tons gross, with a speed of 18 knots. Both ships are intended for the service between Shanghai and Nagasaki with a view to establishing closer relations between Japan and China. When the new service is opened, it will be able to cover the distance between Shanghai and Nagasaki in 28 hours, it has been announced. It is understood that the service will obtain the protection of the Japanese Government.

While the Nippon Yusen Kaisha is endeavouring to improve its foreign services, the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, which devoted its attention to operations overseas during the war, is now turning its energies to the improvement of its inland services. Recently the Osaka company placed the "Kuremari Maru," 1,336 tons, on the Osaka-Baypu line, and has now ordered a steamer of 1,550 tons to be used on this line. The ship will go into the service from April of next year. There will then be a sailing every other day from Osaka, instead of one sailing in three days, as is the case at present.

The Osaka Shosen Kaisha has also decided to build two ships of 1,350 tons each, which are intended for service between Osaka and Kochi. These ships will be superior in speed and equipment to similar vessels hitherto employed.

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